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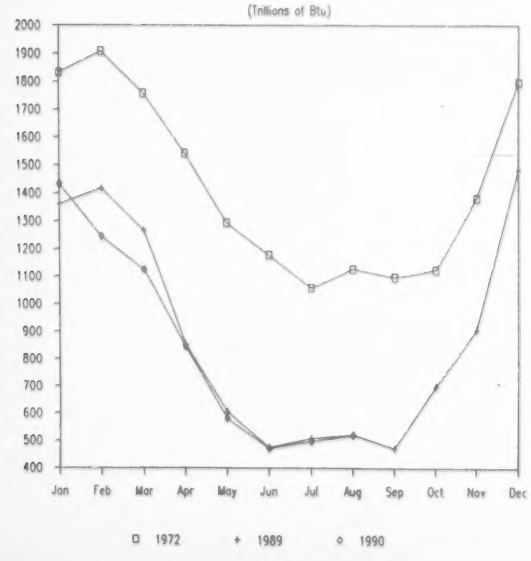
Commercial and electric generation sales increased while residential and industrial sales decreased in August 1990 compared with last year. Total utility sales were down from 519.8 trillion Btu in July 1989 to 517.8 trillion Btu in August 1990. August transportation volumes to end users were up 5.2 percent compared with last year.

GAS UTILITY VOLUMES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS (Trillions of Btu)

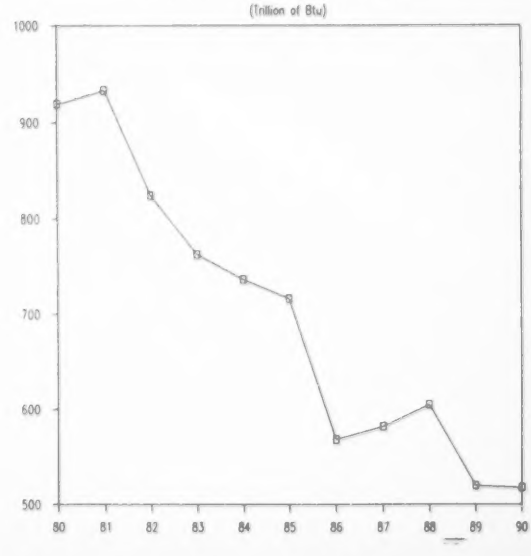
	August			Year to Date		January 1 to December 31		
	1990	1989[R]	%Change[1]	1990	(% Change) Last Period	1990 Forecast[2]	1989[R]	%Change
Residential	120.2	121.5	- 1.1	3,012.2	- 5.4	4,463.1	4,798.1	- 7.0
Commercial	84.6	83.8	+ 1.0	1,487.7	- 3.5	2,213.8	2,322.7	- 4.7
Industrial*	116.0	126.9	- 8.6	1,218.1	- 3.3	1,920.2	1,961.9	- 2.1
Elec. Gen.*	186.4	175.6	+ 6.2	858.2	- 4.5	1,239.5	1,280.1	- 3.2
Other	10.6	12.0	-	129.3	-	188.6	188.3	-
Total Sales	517.8	519.8	- 0.4	6,705.7	- 4.2	10,025.2	10,551.1	- 5.0
Transportation*	414.2	393.9	+ 5.2	3,270.1	+ 5.8	4,864.6	4,684.5	+ 3.8
Total Volumes	932.0	913.7	+ 2.0	9,975.8	- 1.1	14,889.8	15,235.6	- 2.3**

*Significant sales volumes have been displaced by transportation volumes.
**No direct comparison with EIA consumption figures should be made.

TOTAL MONTHLY GAS UTILITY SALES



AUGUST TOTAL GAS UTILITY SALES



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS - AUGUST

(Thousands of Units)

		1990	1989	% Change '89 vs '90
Domestic Ranges	- Gas	167.5	190.7	-12.2
	- Electric	251.8	274.8	- 8.4
Clothes Dryers	- Gas	82.0	85.6	- 4.2
	- Electric	275.4	290.8	- 5.3
Water Heaters	- Gas	298.8	295.4	+ 1.2
	- Electric	272.8	259.0	+ 5.3
Warm Air Furnaces	- Gas	187.6	216.0	-13.1
	- Electric	26.5	27.9	- 4.9
	- Oil	15.4	21.8	-29.4
Boilers	- Gas	23.3	20.9	+11.7
	- Oil	13.6	15.6	-13.1

Source: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA).
Association of Home Appliances Manufacturers.

SPOT PRICES TO GAS DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES

(August 1990)

Receipt Point	Price ($/MMBtu)[a]
Northeast	$1.95
Southeast	$1.78
Midwest	$1.74
Southwest	$1.41
West	$1.93
Total	$1.80

Source: American Gas Association

[a]Represents average price paid at receipt point for a one-month contract.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS - AUGUST

	1990	1989	% Change '89 vs '90
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	102.5	122.4	-16.3
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1982 - 1984 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	95.6	97.3	- 1.7
Electricity	121.8	120.4	+ 1.2
Fuel Oil	91.0	76.7	+18.6

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Index Total Gas Sales (1972 = 100)	46.0	46.2	- 0.4
Gas Utility Prices ($/MMBtu)			
Residential	7.08	6.93	+ 2.2
Commercial	4.77	4.80	- 0.6
Industrial	3.12	2.97	+ 5.0
Electric Generation	2.49	2.92	-14.9
Total	4.07	4.16	- 2.3
Carriage Volumes[3](Trillions)			
To Ultimate Consumers	414.2	393.9	+ 5.2
For Ultimate Consumers	134.9	137.0	- 1.5
For Resale	393.1	421.4	- 6.7
Total	942.2	952.3	- 1.1

Source: American Gas Association

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES - 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. Only	Elec. Gen.	Other
1980	Dec.	3.134	3.612	3.336	3.184	2.651	2.667
1981	Dec.	3.650	4.161	3.909	3.311	3.241	3.458
1982	Dec.	4.456	4.969	4.721	3.969	4.090	4.303
1983	Dec.	5.120	5.882	5.508	4.486	4.198	4.921
1984	Dec.	5.128	5.938	5.511	4.410	4.222	4.869
1985	Dec.	5.017	5.953	5.441	4.248	3.812	4.791
1986	Dec.	4.602	5.652	5.035	3.650	2.726	4.025
1987	Dec.	4.315	5.387	4.764	3.112	2.511	3.427
1988	Dec.	4.313	5.288	4.632	3.040	2.545	3.359
1989[R]	Aug.	4.467	5.460	4.753	3.100	2.628	3.220
	Sept.	4.492	5.464	4.756	3.122	2.683	3.176
	Oct.	4.485	5.470	4.756	3.127	2.688	3.148
	Nov.	4.498	5.466	4.763	3.146	2.697	3.161
	Dec.	4.503	5.455	4.769	3.167	2.694	3.102
1990[R]	Jan.	4.519	5.467	4.794	3.181	2.720	3.091
	Feb.	4.540	5.509	4.829	3.176	2.736	3.026
	Mar.	4.556	5.541	4.845	3.186	2.741	3.006
	Apr.	4.564	5.553	4.859	3.179	2.749	2.999
	May	4.566	5.563	4.861	3.181	2.736	2.959
	June	4.564	5.566	4.860	3.169	2.704	2.934
	July	4.556	5.571	4.859	3.142	2.658	2.919
	Aug.	4.551	5.575	4.858	3.152	2.594	2.923

AVERAGE MONTHLY GAS UTILITY PRICES

($/MMBtu)

Year	Month	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind. & Elec.	Ind. Only	Elec. Only
1988	Aug.	3.74	6.74	4.67	2.65	2.79	2.56
	Sept.	3.88	6.52	4.66	2.55	2.71	2.34
	Oct.	4.34	5.74	4.60	2.83	2.87	2.69
	Nov.	4.40	5.36	4.62	2.99	2.97	3.05
	Dec.	4.58	5.13	4.71	3.14	3.10	3.32
1989[R]	Jan.	4.78	5.26	4.85	3.33	3.44	2.90
	Feb.	4.63	5.23	4.80	2.98	3.46	2.11
	Mar.	4.42	5.19	4.85	2.60	3.19	1.84
	Apr.	4.52	5.38	4.77	2.95	3.14	2.61
	May	4.42	5.74	4.77	2.92	2.95	2.86
	June	4.34	6.45	4.72	2.88	2.91	2.84
	July	4.30	6.79	4.84	3.08	3.37	2.85
	Aug.	4.16	6.93	4.80	2.94	2.97	2.92
	Sept.	4.34	6.54	4.73	2.91	2.92	2.90
	Oct.	4.25	5.88	4.58	2.84	2.92	2.72
	Nov.	4.54	5.33	4.71	3.17	3.16	3.20
	Dec.	4.60	5.12	4.75	3.22	3.28	3.04
1990[R]	Jan.	4.89	5.34	5.01	3.54	3.56	3.48
	Feb.	4.82	5.50	5.07	3.04	3.43	2.18
	Mar.	4.55	5.42	4.99	2.64	3.31	1.79
	Apr.	4.62	5.52	4.94	2.95	3.05	2.74
	May	4.45	5.94	4.66	2.85	2.97	2.67
	June	4.29	6.52	4.70	2.55	2.68	2.39
	July	4.13	7.03	4.82	2.70	2.96	2.49
	Aug.	4.07	7.08	4.77	2.73	3.12	2.49

[1]Gas volumes are based on, and the percent change is a function of, the 69 sample companies whose sales constitute about 58% of total gas utility sales to ultimate consumers. The peak year in total sales for the gas utility industry occurred in 1972.

[2]1990 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1990 monthly data with the remaining months derived by using a four year average. The industrial sector forecast (industrial only, electric generation, and transportation) is also based on available 1990 monthly data with the remaining months of 1990 heavily weighted by last year's volumes with no adjustment made for degree days.

[3]Carriage volumes determined by using a simple straight expansion of sample data to represent the total gas utility industry. Carriage volumes for ultimate consumers are volumes owned by the ultimate consumer but delivered to another transporter, not the ultimate consumer, and are therefore broken out to eliminate double counting of volumes delivered to ultimate consumers.

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